

1 AN ACT concerning elections.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Election Code is amended by changing
5 Section 16-3 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/16-3) (from Ch. 46, par. 16-3)

7 Sec. 16-3. The names of all candidates to be voted for
8 in each election district or precinct shall be printed on one
9 ballot, except as is provided in Sections 16-6.1 and 21-1.01
10 of this Act and except as otherwise provided in this Act with
11 respect to the odd year regular elections and the emergency
12 referenda; all nominations of any political party being
13 placed under the party appellation or title of such party as
14 designated in the certificates of nomination or petitions.
15 The names of all independent candidates shall be printed upon
16 the ballot in a column or columns under the heading
17 "independent" arranged under the names or titles of the
18 respective offices for which such independent candidates
19 shall have been nominated and so far as practicable, the name
20 or names of any independent candidate or candidates for any
21 office shall be printed upon the ballot opposite the name or
22 names of any candidate or candidates for the same office
23 contained in any party column or columns upon said ballot.
24 The ballot shall contain no other names, except that in cases
25 of electors for President and Vice-President of the United
26 States, the names of the candidates for President and
27 Vice-President may be added to the party designation and
28 words calculated to aid the voter in his choice of candidates
29 may be added, such as "Vote for one," "Vote for three."

30 On a general election ballot containing the names of
31 candidates or electors for President of the United States, a

1 photograph certified by the State Board of Elections of each
2 presidential candidate shall appear immediately to the right
3 of his or her name or, if his or her name does not appear on
4 the ballot, immediately to the right of the appropriate
5 electors' party designation. The State Board of Elections by
6 rule shall provide for (i) the uniformity of size, color, and
7 content of the photographs; (ii) the time and manner of
8 submitting photographs to the Board; and (iii) the time for
9 certification of photographs by the Board.

10 When an electronic voting system is used which utilizes a
11 ballot label booklet, the candidates and questions shall
12 appear on the pages of such booklet in the order provided by
13 this Code; and, in any case where candidates for an office
14 appear on a page which does not contain the name of any
15 candidate for another office, and where less than 50% of the
16 page is utilized, the name of no candidate shall be printed
17 on the lowest 25% of such page. On the back or outside of the
18 ballot, so as to appear when folded, shall be printed the
19 words "Official Ballot", followed by the designation of the
20 polling place for which the ballot is prepared, the date of
21 the election and a facsimile of the signature of the election
22 authority who has caused the ballots to be printed. The
23 ballots shall be of plain white paper, through which the
24 printing or writing cannot be read. However, ballots for use
25 at the nonpartisan and consolidated elections may be printed
26 on different color paper, except blue paper, whenever
27 necessary or desirable to facilitate distinguishing between
28 ballots for different political subdivisions. In the case of
29 nonpartisan elections for officers of a political
30 subdivision, unless the statute or an ordinance adopted
31 pursuant to Article VII of the Constitution providing the
32 form of government therefor requires otherwise, the column
33 listing such nonpartisan candidates shall be printed with no
34 appellation or circle at its head. The party appellation or

1 title, or the word "independent" at the head of any column
2 provided for independent candidates, shall be printed in
3 capital letters not less than one-fourth of an inch in height
4 and a circle one-half inch in diameter shall be printed at
5 the beginning of the line in which such appellation or title
6 is printed, provided, however, that no such circle shall be
7 printed at the head of any column or columns provided for
8 such independent candidates. The names of candidates shall be
9 printed in capital letters not less than one-eighth nor more
10 than one-fourth of an inch in height, and at the beginning of
11 each line in which a name of a candidate is printed a square
12 shall be printed, the sides of which shall be not less than
13 one-fourth of an inch in length. However, the names of the
14 candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor on the same
15 ticket shall be printed within a bracket and a single square
16 shall be printed in front of the bracket. The list of
17 candidates of the several parties and any such list of
18 independent candidates shall be placed in separate columns on
19 the ballot in such order as the election authorities charged
20 with the printing of the ballots shall decide; provided, that
21 the names of the candidates of the several political parties,
22 certified by the State Board of Elections to the several
23 county clerks shall be printed by the county clerk of the
24 proper county on the official ballot in the order certified
25 by the State Board of Elections. Any county clerk refusing,
26 neglecting or failing to print on the official ballot the
27 names of candidates of the several political parties in the
28 order certified by the State Board of Elections and any
29 photographs certified by the State Board of Elections, and
30 any county clerk who prints or causes to be printed upon the
31 official ballot the name or photograph of a candidate, for an
32 office to be filled by the Electors of the entire State,
33 whose name or photograph has not been duly certified to him
34 upon a certificate signed by the State Board of Elections

1 shall be guilty of a Class C misdemeanor.

2 When an electronic voting system is used which utilizes a
3 ballot card, on the inside flap of each ballot card envelope
4 there shall be printed a form for write-in voting which shall
5 be substantially as follows:

6 WRITE-IN VOTES

7 (See card of instructions for specific information.
8 Duplicate form below by hand for additional write-in votes.)

9 _____
10 Title of Office

11 () _____
12 Name of Candidate

13 When an electronic voting system is used which uses a
14 ballot sheet, the instructions to voters on the ballot sheet
15 shall refer the voter to the card of instructions for
16 specific information on write-in voting. Below each office
17 appearing on such ballot sheet there shall be a provision for
18 the casting of a write-in vote.

19 When such electronic system is used, there shall be
20 printed on the back of each ballot card, each ballot card
21 envelope, and the first page of the ballot label when a
22 ballot label is used, the words "Official Ballot," followed
23 by the number of the precinct or other precinct
24 identification, which may be stamped, in lieu thereof and, as
25 applicable, the number and name of the township, ward or
26 other election district for which the ballot card, ballot
27 card envelope, and ballot label are prepared, the date of the
28 election and a facsimile of the signature of the election
29 authority who has caused the ballots to be printed. The back
30 of the ballot card shall also include a method of identifying
31 the ballot configuration such as a listing of the political
32 subdivisions and districts for which votes may be cast on
33 that ballot, or a number code identifying the ballot
34 configuration or color coded ballots, except that where there

1 is only one ballot configuration in a precinct, the precinct
2 identification, and any applicable ward identification, shall
3 be sufficient. Ballot card envelopes used in punch card
4 systems shall be of paper through which no writing or punches
5 may be discerned and shall be of sufficient length to enclose
6 all voting positions. However, the election authority may
7 provide ballot card envelopes on which no precinct number or
8 township, ward or other election district designation, or
9 election date are preprinted, if space and a preprinted form
10 are provided below the space provided for the names of
11 write-in candidates where such information may be entered by
12 the judges of election. Whenever an election authority
13 utilizes ballot card envelopes on which the election date and
14 precinct is not preprinted, a judge of election shall mark
15 such information for the particular precinct and election on
16 the envelope in ink before tallying and counting any write-in
17 vote written thereon. If some method of insuring ballot
18 secrecy other than an envelope is used, such information must
19 be provided on the ballot itself.

20 In the designation of the name of a candidate on the
21 ballot, the candidate's given name or names, initial or
22 initials, a nickname by which the candidate is commonly
23 known, or a combination thereof, may be used in addition to
24 the candidate's surname. No other designation such as a title
25 or degree or nickname suggesting or implying possession of a
26 title, degree or professional status, or similar information
27 may be used in connection with the candidate's surname,
28 except that the title "Mrs." may be used in the case of a
29 married woman.

30 Where voting machines or electronic voting systems are
31 used, the provisions of this Section may be modified as
32 required or authorized by Article 24 or Article 24A,
33 whichever is applicable.

34 Nothing in this Section shall prohibit election

1 authorities from using or reusing ballot card envelopes which
2 were printed before the effective date of this amendatory Act
3 of 1985.

4 (Source: P.A. 84-1308.)